have engineered the agitation which has culminated in the resignation will fail to realise that their action has been noticed by Government. Evidently there has been a concerted move on the part of the contractors to ensure that rates which were not accepted by the Chief Engineer would henceforward be accepted. Apparently a great deal of work has been done behind the scenes in that hope but that hope will not be realised.

**MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH:** ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയരുടെ സർവീസ് ഈ രാജ്യത്തേക്ക് വളരെ അത്യാവശ്യമാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് അദ്ദേഹം നൽകിയ രാജി ഗവണ്മെൻറ് സ്വീകരിക്കാതെ തിരികെ ജോലിയിൽ പ്രവേശിക്കുന്നതിന് അദ്ദേഹത്തെ ക്ഷണിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

**PRESIDENT:** Order, order. No further discussion is possible. Mr. K. K. Chellappan Pillai has written a letter which reads as follows:—

"I forward herewith a phonocom I received yesterday from the President, Municipal Workers' Union, Quilon, announcing the scavengers' strike. I request you to make an announcement concerning the action Government have proposed or propose to take on the same." It is a matter between the municipality and the scavengers and when the occasion arises the Government will intervene.

**PRESIDENT:** Order, order. I am asking the permission of the House to take up Taxes on Income immediately after Agriculture It is because Mr. Gunamony has had an accident and to suit his convenience he would prefer to have this demand taken up now, and then go away. I hope the honourable House will have no objection.

The House signified its assent.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE VILLAGE UPLIFT COMMITTEE.

As already stated by me the House will have to elect three members to the Committee of Village Uplift. The election will take place tomorrow after the business of the House is over under the Chairmanship of the Deputy President, or one of the members of the panel of Chairmen. The system of voting by ballot will be adopted as usual.

## VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd*).

### DEMAND XX—AGRICULTURE INCLUDING DEBT-HEADS LOANS—(*contd.*)

**MR. T. C. KOCHUNNI PILLAI** (*Assistant Director of Agriculture in Charge*): I have already explained the policy of the department in regard to the establishment of manure depots in the State. There are now 30 departmental depots and 32 agency depots functioning



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